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Subject: Centennial Mine- Gob Vent Hole Right of Entry, Andalex Resources, Inc., C/007/0019

Dear Ms. Madsen:

As you are aware, the Division has been concerned about the reclamation status of numerous gob gas vent hole sites (GVH) atop the Centennial Mine which were installed during active mining operations. The GVH sites were constructed in order to remove accumulations of methane gas from the underground mine workings during active longwall operations. Although Andalex has successfully completed the final reclamation for a handful of these GVH sites, many have yet to be fully reclaimed.

During a recent meeting with the Bureau of Land Management the topic of Gob Vent Hole reclamation came up and was discussed. There was some confusion on the part of the Division regarding the BLM requirements for GVH reclamation. On August 14, 2018, the Division sent a letter to the BLM requesting clarification as to whether the Permittee must maintain an active Federal Coal Lease in order to facilitate the use of the GVH sites that have not been fully reclaimed and are located in areas of Federal Coal Lease relinquishment. As a result, the attached letter from the BLM was received. We felt it important that you be made aware of the letter and the BLM position.

It appears that reclamation of the GVH wells and sites that are on relinquished leases, should be proceeding as soon as possible. The Division will be happy to meet with you to discuss reclamation of the GVH sites at your earliest convenience. If you have any questions, please call me at (801) 538-5325.

Sincerely,

Daron R. Haddock
Coal Program Manager

Attachment

cc: Denise Dragoo

Roger Bankert, BLM

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